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## Town of Norton Cemetery Commission 223 APR 25 AM 8: 54 Report of Meeting November 14, 2022

Time: 4 PM

**Location:** Norton Highway Department

70 Rear East Main Street, Norton, MA 02766

Members Present: Chairman Daniel Rich, Mary Ellen Stentiford, Joyce Bernardo, Robert Kimble, Joseph Oliveri

**Others Attending:** Keith Silver, Highway Superintendent, and Joshua Glaser, Jarrod Ferreira, Joanne as representatives of the Highway Department

Meeting called to order by Daniel Rich at 4:00 PM. Dan thanked everyone for attending.

## **New Business**

- 1. Dan asked for a report from the Highway Department regarding the implementation of monies received from the Hicks Fund. Keith indicated that \$104,000 was received. Joshua added that among the items purchased was a new blower which was immediately put to use cleaning several cemeteries of fallen leaves, new signs prohibiting dogs from the town's cemeteries, and barrels that visitors may use to deposit debris. Money will also be used for paving projects in the cemeteries and the renovation of a storage shed. Money has been earmarked for the repair of damaged stones a project that should start in the Spring, 2023.
- 2. The Committee discussed the ongoing work by Chuck Wetherell at the First Settlers Cemetery on Bay Road. Mr. Wetherell has volunteered his time, energy and money to revive the beauty of a weed infestered area, the final resting place of his relatives and among the town's earliest settlers. The Committee is grateful for his

efforts and hopes to show its appreciation to him in a more formal manner. In the meantime, Bob presented the original deed to the land to the Committee showing that the town is in possession of the land. Dan agreed to work with Bob in drafting a letter to our state senator and representatives asking them to contact the State Fish and Game Commission for permission to build a right-of-way from Bay Road to the cemetery. A map delineating the proposed easement, including a small parking area, would be included in the letter.

It was also discussed that the Hicks Fund would be used to purchase stone posts and metal rail for the cemetery (First Settlers).

3. Mary Ellen confirmed that the Wreathes Across America program will take place on December 18, 2022. Volunteers to decorate veterans' grave sites are welcomed.

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